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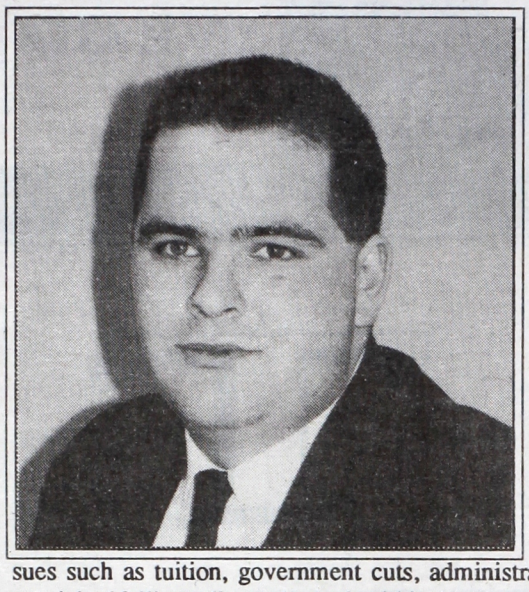
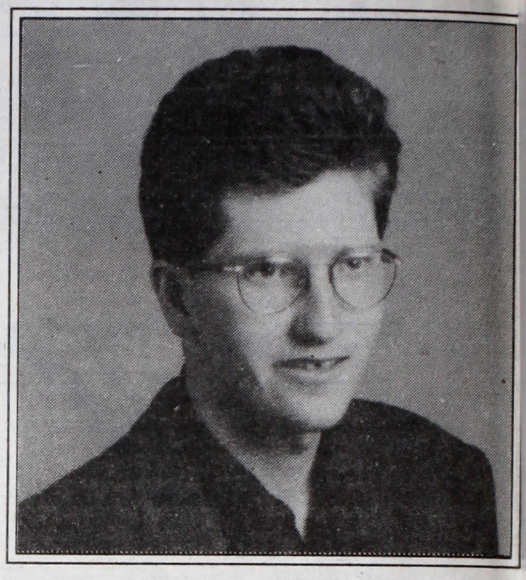
Steve Cardinali



My name is Steven Cardinali and I am campaigning for the position of Vice-President External. In doing so I hope to unite the Laurentian Community so that we can face the rough waters that lie ahead.I bring with me valuable experience. I am a board member of the SGA, constitutional co-writer, and experienced lobbyist. I have the drive, determination and responsibility to perform the job of Vice-President External. Issues such as tuition, government cuts, administration short comings and municipal failings all must be dealt within the next year. The ideas I bring with me concern a more involved student body and the recognition of the power that lies within your hands. I would like to represent this voice and provide you, the students, with a strong and informed leadership.

I can assure that I will use every resource available to represent you in regards to administration, student assistance, and the various levels of government. I feel that by relying upon my experience, initiative, responsibility and the vast amount of resources that are available through CFS, CFSO and the SGA I can represent you in the very best way. Make an informed choice. Respectfully, Steve Cardinali

John Wilkin



John Wilkin - V.P. External

- 3rd year, English/History major
- Executive member of the Laurentian English Literature Society
- Active member of both Canada Crossroads and World University Services Canada
- Former executive member of the Laurentian University Student Enviromental Committee
- Volunteer Firefighter

V.P. SERVICES

Laura Burke

My name is Laura Burke and I am running for the position of S.G.A. Vice-President of Services.

I am quite familiar with the workings of V.P. Services and feel I could contribute successfully to the S.G.A.

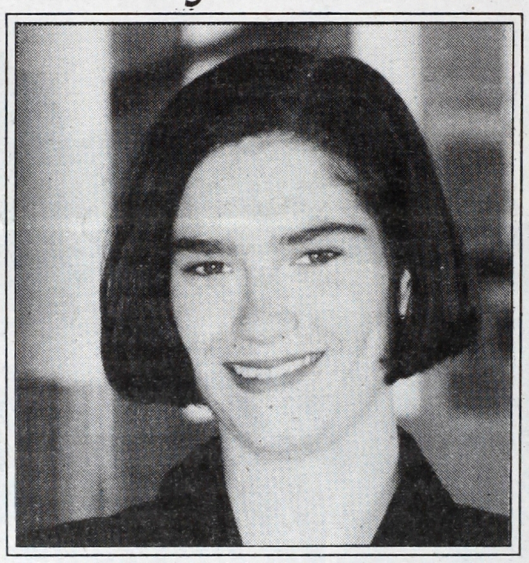
I am currently the President of Single Student Residence and have further experience on council. Although it is a far cry from the S.G.A., I feel it is a good stepping stone and I have learned a great deal from it.

I am a team-worker and enjoy a challenge.

I would like to have to opportunity to make '94/95 a better year for you.

Sincerely, Laura Burke

Stacy Fahner



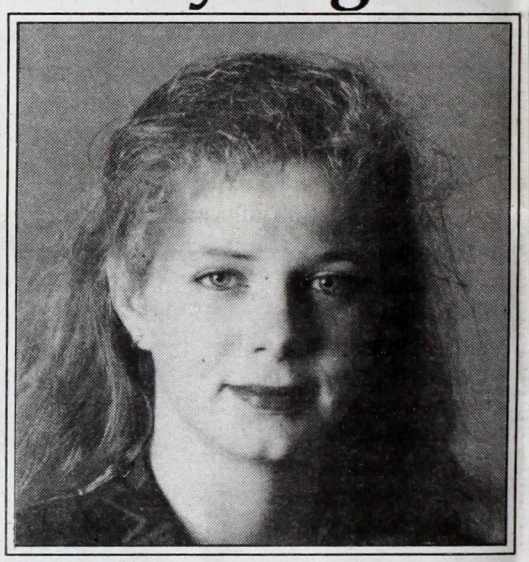
Macleans is right. Laurentian University does suck!*BUT* we, together, with your support can make a difference. I will work for you to gain:

* Effective dissemination of information regarding SGA and LU services.
* More student input in SGA decisions.
* Increase SGA accountability to students.
* Emphasis on quality education, not just quality Northern Ale.
* More alternative up and coming Canadian acts.

Come on out and participate in the speeches on March 3rd and 8th and see how I will further implement these ideas and more. Who cares about Macleans when you have the Enquirer!

Thanks for you support Stacy Fahner

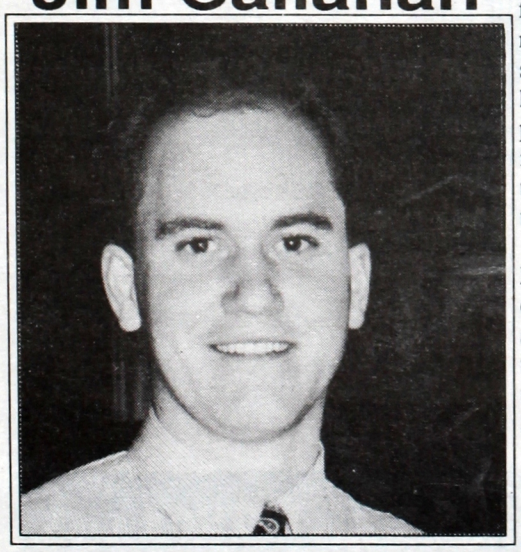
Tracey Legault



Hello, I am Tracey Legault. As you probably know, I am running for the position of V.P. Services. The position of V.P. Services is one of total dedication to the students of Laurentian. As the acting President of LOCS/EHCL this year I have worked to try to bring the students of Laurentian together. If elected I would make a point of continuing these efforts working with the students of Laurentian to ensure the members of the SGA/AGE receive the best of the SGA/AGE. My concern is for the students and I will make sure they receive the best representation within the SGA/AGE and the University. Remember to vote March 9th and 10th; it is to your advantage to decide who works for you in the upcoming year.

V.P. FINANCE

Jim Callahan

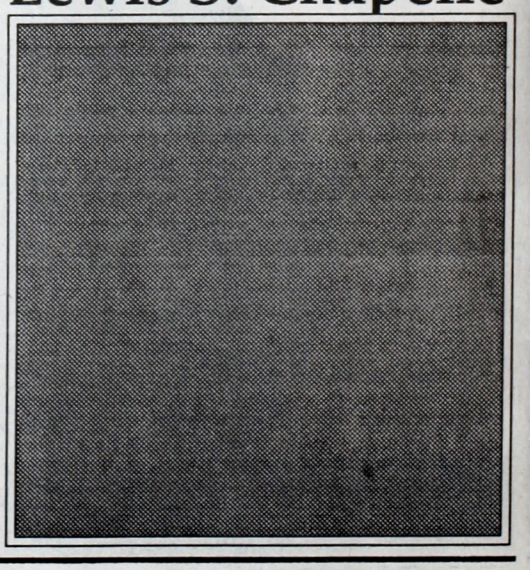


My name is Jim Callahan and I am running for the position of Vice-President Finance. I am running in order to contribute to the SGA and the student body in return for all the great times I have had in my four years at Laurentian. I bring to the position honed analytical skills through my training in the Commerce program. These skills are critical to effectively and efficiently manage the SGA's three quarters of a million dollar budget.

I wish to promote team work amongst the Executive and the board members to ensure that the objectives of the SGA are obtained in a cooperative and responsible manner. Moreover, I believe that if the SGA was run like the *service* it was meant to be, then all members of the student body would benefit. Service in your best interest is my goal.

Although this is a board elected position, it is vitally important that *your* voice be heard. Seek out your representatives that sit on the SGA Board to ensure your best interests are represented.

Lewis S. Chapelle



Presidential Candidates

Matthew Adolphe

This year, more than ever, students are becoming official, vital stake-holders in their own future. The Province of Ontario has at long last granted us a voting seat on the Board of Governors. The University has also proposed, for our benefit, a Dean of Students. This gives us a new office for a liaison. This means we are now recognized as having a vote on issues directly affecting us.

I can not stress how important these developments are. Our say could have an influence on the terrifying 50% tuition increase in September 1995. Our newly reformed and reconstituted senate is offering us a golden opportunity and we must seize it. Therefore our President must be a strong liaison, ever able to represent our diverse needs.

With this new responsibility ask yourselves if the status-quo, in retrospect, can cope with the changing tasks of the student government. Do you feel they are in line with your concerns? If they can not eliminate the animosity between the other student governments here on campus can they effectively represent you in any other capacity?

Please allow me to be your liaison in the future.

Yours Sincerely, Matthew Adolphe

Heather Bishop

Hi! I'm Heather Bishop, and I have spent the last year as V.P. External and Acting President. I believe the experience I have gained will make me a very strong President next year! I have developed a great working relationship with several members of LU Administration, and feel very comfortable speaking out on student issues which you think are important. Your concerns are the reason I am here, and I look forward to continued feedback from you!

There are many changes coming up within the University in the next few months and it will be very important for students to have a strong, informed and confident voice. Tuition hikes and OSAP reforms are increasingly important issues for students and knowledge is a necessity! As Northern students, we have made some great advances this year, and I would like to continue working to make the northern voice a strong one! On top of all this, I would like to see the SGA continue to move towards better relations with all clubs and organizations. As a united body with an informed voice, we will be nothing but successful! Thank you for your support this year, and please remember to vote on March 9th or 10th! VOTE HEATHER FOR PRESIDENT!

Parker Rogerson

In 150 words I cannot tell you who or what Parker is, I can only give you an introduction. For more, come visit.

My goals in running this campaign are simple:

* To run a clean respectable campaign;
* to show initiative and imagination (both abilities will prove invaluable to the student body in the upcoming academic year);
* to help you get to know me.

While coaching my brother's soccer team, we had a little boy playing for us with coke-bottle glasses, blind as a bat, but happy just to play. I spent that whole season trying to will the ball into the net every time he touched it (an experience any of you watching the Canada vs. Sweden hockey game are familiar with). The last game of the season he scored! It was then I realized that happiness stems not just from your own successes but from watching others realize theirs. Sometimes, just watching others learn to dream is enough. Laurentian University is a part of a dream I would like to help build.

Parker Rogerson
Candidate for '94/95
SGA/AGE President

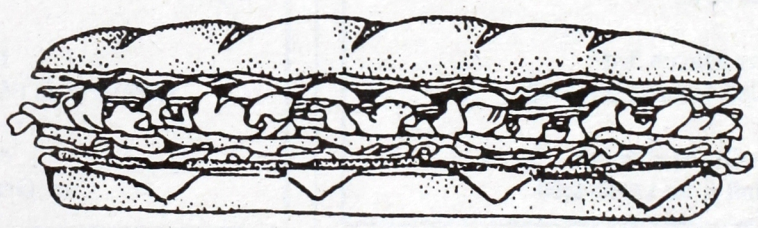
VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

SPAD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are five positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Convenor. By being a member of SPAD COUNCIL you have a chance to interact with other councils on campus, giving you the opportunity to meet people and make changes for the people in Sports Administration.

So if you are interested in making a difference and providing fun activities and informative events run for SPAD COUNCIL. You will never know the benefits unless you try! If you are interested, there are forms (nothing too lengthy, just names, address etc.!) in the SPAD office. (Phys. Ed. Building). For more information contact Melanie at 688-1053. The deadline for nominees is Monday March 7, 1994. So get your forms in as soon as possible.

BIG MEAL, BIGGER DEAL.



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The Canadian Federation of Students Working For You

by Deborah Duffy

For over twenty years the Canadian Federation of Students has been lobbying, serving and representing the students of Laurentian University. During the Students' General Association elections a CFS fee increase referendum question will be on the ballot. The question will ask if you agree to a $2 per semester increase. To help you make an informed decision, here are a few background facts about the CFS and the fee increase.

Each SGA student is a member of CFS. The Canadian Federation of Students is a democratic organization that is shaped by the involvement of its members. Membership fees were first set by the membership in 1981. We've all felt the impact of skyrocketing inflation; the value of the dollar today is not the same as what it was last year, let alone 13 years ago. The membership of the CFS realized this fact as well. In order to continue to fight against the brutal attacks on post-secondary education, we need to strengthen our efforts now more than ever.

As a member of the Federation you benefit from all the efforts of the CFS. You already get: up-to-date, in-depth research with timely analysis of government policies and legislation which ensures that students are well informed when they take an active stand at the local level; lobbying at the provincial level to advance the cause of an accessible, affordable education system to the decision-makers around education; and educational campaigns which highlight issues affecting students.

Some of the main successes for CFS over the years include: the exemption of tuition and residence fees and meal plans from the GST; programs to combat date rape, including the widely acclaimed "No means No" campaign; the removal of the 3% tax on student loans; lobbies which led to government task forces on undergraduate teaching and accountability; securing the only student seat on the provincial government's university restructuring committee. And that's just the beginning. CFS saved the Challenge Summer Program from elimination. International students now have the right to employment on campus. The CFS secured an additional $200 million for university research and development. The OSAP minimum weekly living expense was doubled, through our efforts, to reflect the cost of living. We won the right to employment anywhere in Canada for CIDA students. International students and their spouses are now allowed to be employed up until one year after graduation.

Aside from lobbying and representation, CFS also offers a number of services to help students further their financial resources. *Travel Cuts*, located in the Student Centre, is owned and operated by the CFS. Through *Travel Cuts* hundreds of students are served each year, right here on campus. Federation membership means you have access to the best travel rates. CFS is the sole distributor of the *International Student Identity Card* (ISIC) in Canada. ISIC gives students access to low travel fare and other discounts in Canada and around the world. As a member of CFS, you receive this free card, saving you $15. Through the *Studentsaver* discount program students at Laurentian receive access to thousands of businesses in Sudbury and across the country. With your *Studentsaver* package, you can also receive a 50% discount off of *Phantom of the Opera* tickets. The *Student Work Abroad Program* (SWAP) which allows students to gain valuable overseas work experience as well as the opportunity to learn about people and cultures of another country.

Most importantly, CFS is a *we* thing; CFS is about you as much as it is about the staff, and the executive, elected by the students, who make sure that our voice is heard across the country. And because there is strength in numbers, CFS is heard — by government and the media. If you believe that post-secondary education should be affordable, accessible and of high quality, then vote "yes" in the referendum. Keep our student voice strong.

Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants

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Lambda Publications: Make the Investment In Your Student Paper

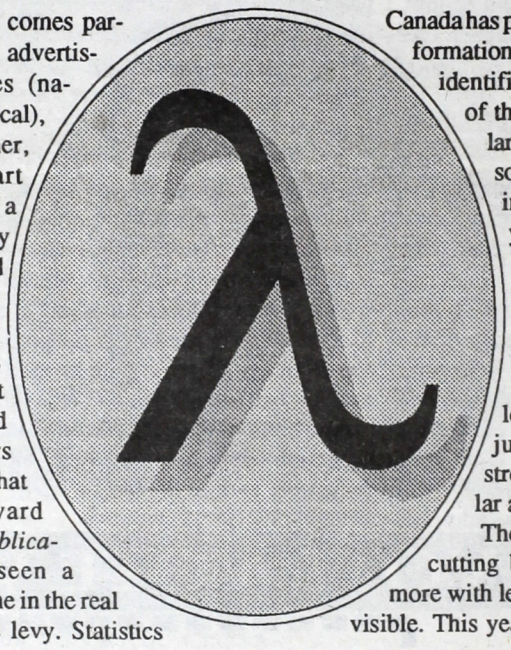
by Janice Savage
Editor-in Chief

There's not a lot to be said about *Lambda Publications* that you don't already know. *Lambda Publications* is a pseudo-autonomous organization whose main responsibility is to publish a weekly newspaper for the students of the SGA. That's the guts of the organization.

We do a few other things up here that tend to be taken for granted. For starters, *Lambda* has made an increasing attempt at being bilingual. *Lambda* has stuck to its production schedule, has not missed a scheduled issue and has not been late with an issue for as long as anyone can remember (this is quite a feat, as anyone who has ever had anything to do with the student press will attest). The staff is an incredibly dedicated bunch a people (full-time students I might add), who work desperately long hours for little to no pay, often sacrificing their personal lives to get the paper out.

We do our best to represent all walks of the university community. We provide one of the only links between staff, faculty, students, and student government. It is through this service, like this special edition published for the benefit of the SGA voters, that *Lambda* proves itself invaluable to Laurentian University.

Unfortunately, one of the biggest challenges we face is financial. Our funding comes partially out of advertising revenues (national and local), and the other, larger part comes from a student levy collected from SGA members.



This levy was last increased seven years ago. From that point forward *Lambda Publications* has seen a yearly decline in the real value of the levy. Statistics Canada has published information that clearly identifies the value of the 1986 dollar being worth some 74 cents in 1992 (two years ago). *Lambda* has been forced to try to do more with less, but we just can't stretch the dollar any further. The attempts at cutting back, to do more with less, are very visible. This year alone we were forced to cut six editions from the production schedule (26 to 20 editions). The staff receives even less in terms of pay than they did last year. The perks of being a staffer were cut drastically and we refrained from purchasing many of the office supplies we had in previous years, (e.g., letterhead, copious numbers of business cards, subscriptions to various magazines, etc.).

This may not sound like much of a sacrifice but it cuts into the service we are capable of providing for the students of Laurentian. For instance, if you can think back to National Student's Day (the day that never happened at Laurentian University), part of the reason the events were so poorly attended was because the edition before Thanksgiving was one of the issues that got axed in the budget cuts. This is one small example of many that indicates how the students of Laurentian are not receiving the service from their student paper that they deserve.

During the SGA election, you will be faced with a referendum question regarding a $3 increase to *Lambda*'s levy. I would strongly urge you to vote "yes" so that *Lambda Publications* can continue to upgrade the services you receive.

LAMBDA

CANDIDATE SPEECHES
will be on

Thursday March 3rd
in the **Science Caf.** from **11:30 -2:00**

and on **Tuesday March 8th**
in the **Great Hall** from **11:30-2:00**

LE DÉBAT DES CANDIDATS
seront

le jeudi 3 mars à la
Cafétéria de l'édifice des sciences de 11h30-14h

et le **mardi 8 mars**
au **Grand salon de 11h30-14h**

ELECTION DAYS: **Wednesday March 9th**
Thursday March 10th
9:00am - 7:30pm

JOURNÉES DES ÉLECTIONS : **le mercredi 9 mars**
le jeudi 10 mars
9h-19h30

Polling booths will be at the following locations during these two days. Make sure to go to the polling boot listed on your polling card.

Student Street, Great Hall
Science Cafeteria, Thorneloe
University of Sudbury, Huntington

Les bureaux de scrutin seront situés aux endroit suivants pendant les deux jours. Assurez-vous de vous rendre au bureau indiqué sur votre carte d'électeur.

Rue des étudiants, Grand salon
Cafétéria de l'édifice des sciences
Thorneloe, Huntington, Université de Sudbury

STUDENT ID and your **OFFICIAL POLLING CARD** are necessary in order to vote. If you have not received your official polling card you have till **TUESDAY MARCH 8th at 4:00pm** to pick one up at the SGA office.

Vous devez présenter votre **CARTE D'ÉTUDIANT** et votre **CARTE D'ÉLECTEUR** pour pouvoir voter. Vous avez jusqu'au **MARDI 8 MARS À 16h** pour vous procurer votre carte d'électeur auprès du bureau de l'AGE.